Township of Waverly Van Buren County, Michigan FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

Board of Trustees Township of Waverly, Michigan

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Township of Waverly, Michigan, as of March 31, 2008, and for the year then ended, which collectively comprise the Township's basic financial statements, as listed in the contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Township of Waverly, Michigan's management. Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with U.S. generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinions.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Township of Waverly, Michigan, as of March 31, 2008, and the respective changes in financial position and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the year then ended in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

The budgetary comparison information, as listed in the contents, is not a required part of the basic financial statements but is supplementary information required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the required supplementary information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

The Township of Waverly, Michigan, has not presented the management's discussion and analysis that the Governmental Accounting Standards Board has determined is necessary to supplement, although not required to be a part of, the financial statements.

Sigfied Crowlett P.C.

August 24, 2008



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BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Township of Waverly STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS

March 31, 2008

	Governmental activities	Business-type activities	Totals
ASSETS			
Current assets:			
Cash	\$ 586,050	29,693	615,743
Receivables, net	63,403		63,403
Total current assets	649,453	29,693	679,146
Noncurrent assets:			
Capital assets not being depreciated	28,317	-	28,317
Capital assets, net of accumulated			,
depreciation	607,463	<u>86,764</u>	694,227
Total noncurrent assets	635,780	86,764	722,544
Total assets	1,285,233	116,457	1,401,690
LIABILITIES	005		005
Current liabilities - payables	925		925
NET ASSETS	605 700	86,764	722,544
Invested in capital assets Restricted:	635,780	00,704	122,044
Public safety	234,064	-	234,064
Public works		29,693	29,693
Unrestricted	414,464	,	414,464
Total net assets	\$ 1,284,308	<u>\$ 116,457</u>	<u>\$ 1,400,765</u>

Township of Waverly STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

Year ended March 31, 2008

			Program revenues			ues	
	E	Charges for gr		Charges for		perating rants and ntributions	
Functions/Programs	-	_	-			_	
Governmental activities:							
Legislative	\$	5,040	\$	-	\$		
General government		137,554		27,739		-	
Public safety		72,979		105,944		-	
Public works		74,797		212		3,510	
Health and welfare		3,000		-		-	
Community and economic development		11,236		300			
Total governmental activities		304,606		134,195		3,510	
Business-type activities:							
Sewer		11,228		9,008			
Totals	\$	315,834	\$	143,203	\$	3,510	

General revenues:

Property taxes
Franchise fees
State grants
Investment income

Total general revenues

Change in net assets

Net assets - beginning

Net assets - ending

Net (expenses) revenues and changes in net assets

vernmental activities		siness-type activities	 Totals
\$ (5,040) (109,815) 32,965 (71,075) (3,000) (10,936)			\$ (5,040) (109,815) 32,965 (71,075) (3,000) (10,936)
 (166,901)			(166,901)
	\$	(2,220)	 (2,220)
 (166,901)	<u></u>	(2,220)	 (169,121)
 143,625 3,013 188,031 25,610		- - - 1,403	143,625 3,013 188,031 27,013
 360,279		1,403	 361,682
193,378		(817)	192,561
 1,090,930	***************************************	117,274	 1,208,204
\$ 1,284,308	\$	116,457	\$ 1,400,765

			General		Fire		Road
ASSETS Cash Receivables		\$	361,194 43,145	\$	224,399 9,208	\$	11,050
Total ass	sets	\$	404,339	\$	233,607	<u>\$</u>	11,050
LIABILITIES AND FUND Liabilities - payables	BALANCES	\$	925	\$		<u>\$</u>	_
Fund balances: Unreserved Unreserved - presente special revenue fu		***************************************	403,414		233,607		11,050
Total fur	nd balances		403,414		233,607		11,050
Total liak	pilities and fund balances	\$	404,339	<u>\$</u>	233,607	\$	11,050

Total fund balances

Amounts reported for *governmental activities* in the statement of net assets (page 4) are different because:

Capital assets used in *governmental activities* are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the funds.

Net assets of governmental activities

Nonm governn fun	nental	gov	Total rernmental funds
\$	457 	\$	586,050 63,403
\$	457	\$	649,453
\$		\$	925
	-		648,071
<u> </u>	457		457
	457	F11777710477104	648,528
\$	457	\$	649,453
		\$	648,528
		, , , , ,	635,780
		\$	1,284,308

Township of Waverly STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES governmental funds

	General	Fire	Road	Nonmajor governmental fund	Total governmental funds
REVENUES		•	* 404.050	•	450 450
Taxes	\$ 53,807	\$ -	\$ 104,652	\$ -	\$ 158,459
Licenses and permits	23,176	-	-	-	23,176 191,541
State grants	191,541	-	-	-	13,072
Charges for services	13,072	-	-	-	25,610
Interest and rentals	25,610	86,081	-	~	86,126
Other	<u>45</u>	00,001			00,120
Total revenues	307,251	86,081	104,652	-	497,984
EXPENDITURES					
Legislative	5,040		-	-	5,040
General government	133,545	••	_	-	133,545
Public safety	20,947	51,317	-	715	72,979
Public works	3,100	-	221,639	_	224,739
Health and welfare	3,000	-	=	-	3,000
Community and economic					
development	11,236	-	-	<u></u>	11,236
Capital outlay	268				268
Total expenditures	177,136	51,317	221,639	715	450,807
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUE OVER EXPENDITURES	S 130,115	34,764	(116,987)	(715)	47,177
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES Transfers to Road Fund	(100,026)		100,026		
NET CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES	30,089	34,764	(16,961)	(715)	47,177
FUND BALANCES - BEGINNING	373,325	198,843	28,011	1,172	601,351
FUND BALANCES - ENDING	\$ 403,414	\$ 233,607	<u>\$ 11,050</u>	\$ 457	\$ 648,528
Net change in fund balances - total gove	ernmental fund	ds			\$ 47,177
Amounts reported for <i>governmental acti</i> (page 5) are different because:	vities in the s	tatement of a	ctivities		
Capital assets: Capital outlay Provision for depreciation					161,228 (15,027)
Change in net assets of governmental a	ctivities				\$ 193,378

Township of Waverly STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS - proprietary fund

March 31, 2008

	Sewer
ASSETS Cash Capital assets, net	\$ 29,693 86,764
Total assets	116,457
NET ASSETS: Invested in capital assets Unrestricted	86,764
Total net assets	<u>\$ 116,457</u>

Township of Waverly STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN FUND NET ASSETS proprietary fund

	•	
		ewer
OPERATING REVENUES		
Charges for services	<u>\$</u>	9,008
OPERATING EXPENSES		
Salaries and fringe benefits		510
Contracted services		4,330
Repairs and maintenance		2,965
Depreciation		3,423
Total operating expenses		11,228
OPERATING LOSS		(2,220)
NON OPERATING REVENUES		
Interest		1,403
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS		(817)
NET ASSETS - BEGINNING		117,274
NET ASSETS - ENDING	\$	116,457

Township of Waverly STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS - proprietary fund

	Sewer
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES Receipts from customers and users Payments to employees Payments to suppliers	\$ 9,008 (510) (7,472)
Net cash provided by operating activities	1,026
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES Interest	1,403
NET INCREASE IN CASH	2,429
CASH - BEGINNING	27,264
CASH - ENDING	\$ 29,693
Reconciliation of change in net assets to net cash provided by operating activities:	
Operating loss Adjustments to reconcile operating loss to net cash provided by operating activities:	\$ (2,220)
Decrease in payables	3,423 (177)
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>\$ 1,026</u>

Township of Waverly STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET ASSETS - agency funds

March 31, 2008

ASSETS Cash	\$ <u>1,401</u>
LIABILITIES	
Payables	\$ 1,401

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES:

The accounting policies of the Township of Waverly, Michigan (the Township), conform to U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (hereinafter referred to as generally accepted accounting principles) as applicable to governments. The following is a summary of the more significant policies.

a) Reporting entity:

The accompanying financial statements present only the Township. There are no component units, entities for which the Township is considered to be financially accountable.

b) Government-wide and fund financial statements:

The government-wide financial statements (i.e., the statement of net assets and the statement of changes in net assets) report information on all of the nonfiduciary activities of the Township. The effect of inter-fund activity has been removed from these statements.

The statement of activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function are offset by program revenues. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function. Program revenues include: (1) charges to customers or applicants who purchase, use, or directly benefit from goods, services, or privileges provided by a given function; and (2) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function. Taxes and other items not properly included among program revenues are reported instead as general revenues.

Separate financial statements are provided for governmental funds. Major individual governmental funds are reported as separate columns in the fund financial statements.

c) Measurement focus, basis of accounting, and financial statement presentation:

The government-wide financial statements are reported using the economic resources, measurement focus, and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Property taxes are recognized as revenues in the year for which they are levied. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenues as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met.

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources, measurement focus, and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized as soon as they are both measurable and available. Revenues are considered to be available if they are collected within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the Township generally considers property tax revenues to be available if they are expected to be collected within 60 days of the end of the current fiscal period. Expenditures generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting. However, debt service expenditures, expenditures relating to compensated absences, and claims and judgments are recorded only when payment is due.

State grants, licenses and permits, charges for services, and interest associated with the current fiscal period are all considered to be susceptible to accrual and so have been recognized as revenues of the current fiscal period. All other revenue items are considered to be measurable only when cash is received by the government.

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued):

c) Measurement focus, basis of accounting, and financial statement presentation (continued): The Township reports the following major governmental funds:

The General Fund is the Township's primary operating fund. It accounts for all financial resources of the Township, except those required to be accounted for in another fund. Revenues are primarily derived from property taxes and state shared revenue.

The Fire Fund accounts for the financial resources used for the operational costs of the Township's fire protection. Revenues are derived from property taxes.

The Road Fund accounts for the financial resources used for the operational costs of the Township's road infrastructure. Revenues are primarily derived from property taxes.

Private-sector standards of accounting issued prior to December 1, 1989, are generally followed in the government-wide financial statements to the extent that those standards do not conflict with the standards of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB).

Amounts reported as program revenues include: (1) charges to customers or applicants for goods, services, or privileges provided; (2) operating grants and contributions; and (3) capital grants and contributions, including special assessments. Internally dedicated resources are reported as general revenues rather than as program revenues. Likewise, general revenues include all taxes.

When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use, it is the government's policy to use restricted resources first, then unrestricted resources as they are needed.

- d) Assets, liabilities, and net assets or equity:
 - i) Bank deposits Cash and cash equivalents are considered to be cash on hand, demand deposits, and short-term investments with original maturities of three months or less from the date of acquisition. Pooled interest income is proportionately allocated to all funds.
 - *ii)* Receivables In general, outstanding balances between funds are reported as "due to/from other funds." No allowance for uncollectible accounts has been recorded as the Township considers all receivables to be fully collectible.
 - *iii)* Capital assets Capital assets, which include property, plant, equipment, and infrastructure assets (e.g., roads, sidewalks, and similar items), are reported in the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets, other than infrastructure, are defined by the Township as assets with an initial individual cost of more than \$5,000 and an estimated useful life in excess of two years. Such assets are recorded at historical cost or estimated historical cost if purchased or constructed. Donated capital assets are recorded at estimated fair market value at the date of donation. Governments can elect to account for infrastructure assets either retroactively to June 15, 1980, or prospectively. The Township has elected to account for infrastructure assets prospectively, beginning April 1, 2004.

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued):

- d) Assets, liabilities, and net assets or equity (continued):
 - iii) Capital assets (continued) Capital assets are depreciated using the straight-line method over the following useful lives:

Buildings and improvements 20 - 40 years Equipment 5 - 10 years Roads 40 - 50 years

- *iv)* Fund equity In the fund financial statements, governmental funds report reservations of fund balance for amounts that are not available for appropriation or are legally restricted by outside parties for use for a specific purpose. Designations of fund balance represent tentative management plans that are subject to change.
- v) Property tax revenue recognition Property taxes are levied as of December 1 on property values assessed as of December 31 of the prior year. The billings are due on or before February 14, after which time the bill becomes delinquent and penalties and interest may be assessed by the Township. Property tax revenue is recognized in the year for which taxes have been levied and become available. The Township levy date is December 1, and, accordingly, the total levy is recognized as revenue in the current year.

NOTE 2 - STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE, AND ACCOUNTABILITY:

Budgetary information - Annual budgets are adopted on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles for all governmental funds. The budget document presents information by fund, function, and department. The legal level of budgetary control adopted by the governing body is the function level. All annual appropriations lapse at the end of the fiscal year. The Township had the following significant budget variation:

		Amended			
Fund	Function	budget	Actual	V	ariance
General	Transfer to Road Fund	\$ 96,756	\$100,026	\$	(3,270)

NOTE 3 - CASH AND INVESTMENTS:

The Township's cash and investments are as follows:

	 Governmental activities		Business-type activities		duciary	Total	
Cash	\$ 586,050	\$	29,693	\$	1,401	\$ 617,144	

State statutes and the Township's investment policy authorize the Township to make deposits in the accounts of federally-insured banks, credit unions, and savings and loan associations. The Township's deposits are in accordance with statutory authority.

NOTE 3 - CASH AND INVESTMENTS (Continued):

Custodial credit risk is the risk that, in the event of the failure of a financial institution, the Township will not be able to recover its deposits. Deposits are exposed to custodial credit risk if they are not covered by federal depository insurance and are uncollateralized. At March 31, 2008, \$534,404 of the Township's bank balances of \$639,792 was exposed to custodial credit risk because it was uninsured and uncollateralized.

The Township believes that it is impractical to insure all bank deposits due to the amounts of the deposits and the limits of FDIC insurance. As a result, the Township evaluates each financial institution with which it deposits funds and assesses the risk level of each institution. Only the institutions with an acceptable estimated risk level are used as depositories.

NOTE 4 - RECEIVABLES:

Receivables as of year end for the Township's individual major and nonmajor funds, in the aggregate, are as follows:

Fund		_ <u></u>	Accounts		Taxes / assessments		Inter- ernmental	Totals	
General		\$	8,861	\$	6,381	\$	27,903	\$ 43,145	
Fire			-		9,208		-	9,208	
Road					11,050			11,050	
	Totals	\$	8,861	\$	26,639	\$	27,903	\$ 63,403	

All receivables are considered fully collectible, and all are due within one year.

NOTE 5 - CAPITAL ASSETS:

Capital asset activity for the year ended March 31, 2008, was as follows:

	Beginning balance	Increases	Decreases	Ending balance	
Governmental activities:	A 00.04**	•	•	.	
Capital assets not being depreciated - land	\$ 28,317	<u>\$ -</u>	\$ -	<u>\$ 28,317</u>	
Capital assets being depreciated:					
Buildings	100,146	-	_	100,146	
Equipment	6,792	-	-	6,792	
Infrastructure	405,722	161,228		<u>566,950</u>	
Subtotal	512,660	161,228		673,888	
Less accumulated depreciation for:					
Buildings	(35,719)	(3,330)	-	(39,049)	
Equipment	(566)	(679)	-	(1,245)	
Infrastructure	(15,113)	(11,018)	***************************************	(26,131)	
Subtotal	(51,398)	(15,027)		(66,425)	
Total capital assets being depreciated, net	461,262	146,201		607,463	
Governmental activities capital assets, net	\$ 489,579	<u>\$ 146,201</u>	\$ -	\$ 635,780	
Business-type activities: Capital assets being depreciated -	¢ 474 454	Φ	Φ	¢ 474 454	
sewer system	\$ 171,151	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 171,151	
Less accumulated depreciation for - sewer system	(80,964)	(3,423)		(84,387)	
Business-type activities capital assets, net	\$ 90,187	\$ (3,423)	\$ -	\$ 86,764	

Depreciation expense was charged to functions of the Township as follows:

Governmental activities:

General government \$ 4,009 Public works 11,018

Total \$ 15,027

Township of Waverly NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

NOTE 6 - RISK MANAGEMENT:

The Township is exposed to various risks of loss related to property loss, torts, errors and omissions, and employee injuries (workers' compensation). The Township has purchased commercial insurance for each of these claims and is neither self-insured nor participates in a shared-risk pool. Settled claims relating to commercial insurance have not exceeded the amount of insurance coverage in any of the past three fiscal years.

NOTE 7 - INTERFUND TRANSFERS:

The General Fund transferred \$100,026 to the Road Fund in support of certain road project costs.

NOTE 8 - CONSTRUCTION CODE ACT:

A summary of construction code enforcement transactions for the year ended March 31, 2008, follows:

Revenues \$ 19,863 Expenses (19,863)

Excess of revenues over expenses \$ -

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Township of Waverly BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE - General Fund

	Origin budge		Amended budget		Actual	fav	riance orable vorable)
REVENUES							
Taxes	\$ 61,	269 \$	54,724	\$	53,807	\$	(917)
Licenses and permits	25,	400	25,000		23,176		(1,824)
State grants	191,	800	187,827		191,541		3,714
Charges for services		762	6,805		13,072		6,267
Interest and rentals	18,	000	12,000		25,610		13,610
Other	2,	<u>500</u> _	2,500		45		(2,455)
Total revenues	310,	<u>731</u> _	288,856		307,251		18,395
EXPENDITURES							
Legislative	6,	<u>480</u> _	6,480		5,040		1,440
General government:							
Supervisor	13,	500	10,492		9,932		560
Election		700	5,000		2,110		2,890
Assessor	,	978	17,078		16,410		668
Clerk		665	16,665		15,966		699
Board of Review	4,	060	4,060		3,881		179
Treasurer	24,	466	23,348		23,762		(414)
Hall and grounds	14,	642	11,242		6,838		4,404
Cemetery	9,	300	9,304		8,349		955
Other	51,	100	51,900		46,297		5,603
Total general government	155,	<u>411</u>	149,089	<u></u>	133,545		15,544
Public safety:							
Fire Board		756	756		749		7
Hazardous waste control		750	750		335		415
Building inspections	20	500	20,678		19,863	····	815
Total public safety	22,	006	22,184		20,947		1,237

Township of Waverly BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE - General Fund (Continued)

	Origina budge	_	mended oudget	Actual	Variance favorable (unfavorable)	
EXPENDITURES (Continued) Public works:						
Street lights	\$ 2,0	00 \$	2,000	\$ 2,355	\$ (355)	
Transit		00	500	_	500	
Weed control	3,8		89	322	(233)	
Blight control	4,0 2,0		6,000 2,000	423	6,000 1,577	
Drains		<u> </u>	2,000	720	1,000	
Total public works	12,3	00	10,589	3,100	7,489	
Health and welfare - Quick Response	3,0	00	3,000	3,000		
Community and economic development - planning and zoning	15,1	<u>79</u>	19,753	11,236	8,517	
Recreation and culture - parks and recreation	1	00	100	<u>, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , </u>	100	
Capital outlay	2,6	<u> </u>	100	268	(168)	
Total expenditures	217,0	<u> </u>	211,295	177,136	34,159	
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	93,€	855	77,561	130,115	52,554	
OTHER FINANCING USES Transfers to Road Fund	(93,6	355)	(96,756)	(100,026)	(3,270)	
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES		-	(19,195)	30,089	49,284	
FUND BALANCES - BEGINNING	373,	<u> 325</u> _	373,325	373,325	-	
FUND BALANCES - ENDING	\$ 373,	32 <u>5</u> \$	354,130	\$ 403,414	\$ 49,284	

Township of Waverly BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE - Fire Fund

	Original budget	Amended _budget	Actual	Variance favorable (unfavorable)	
REVENUES			•	d (4.000)	
Interest Other - special assessments	\$ 1,000 77,000	\$ 1,000 75,000	\$ - 86,081	\$ (1,000) 11,081	
Total revenues	78,000	76,000	86,081	10,081	
EXPENDITURES Public safety	53,421	53,421	51,317	2,104	
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	24,579	22,579	34,764	12,185	
FUND BALANCES - BEGINNING	198,843	198,843	198,843		
FUND BALANCES - ENDING	\$ 223,422	\$ 221,422	\$ 233,607	<u>\$ 12,185</u>	

Township of Waverly BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE - Road Fund

	Original _budget	Amended _budget	Actual	Variance favorable (unfavorable)	
REVENUES Taxes State grants Charges for services	\$ 139,349 18,000 1,500	\$ 136,634 17,656	\$ 104,652 - -	\$ (31,982) (17,656)	
Total revenues	158,849	154,290	104,652	(49,638)	
EXPENDITURES Public works	252,504	251,046	221,639	29,407	
DEFICIENCY OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	(93,655)	(96,756)	(116,987)	(20,231)	
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES: Transfer from General Fund	93,655	96,756	100,026	3,270	
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	-	-	(16,961)	(16,961)	
FUND BALANCES - BEGINNING	28,011	28,011	28,011		
FUND BALANCES - ENDING	\$ 28,011	\$ 28,011	\$ 11,050	\$ (16,961)	



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August 24, 2008

To the Board of Trustees Township of Waverly

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Township of Waverly for the year ended March 31, 2008, and have issued our report thereon dated August 24, 2008. Professional standards require that we provide you with the following information related to our audit.

Our Responsibility under U.S. Generally Accepted Auditing Standards

As stated in our engagement letter dated March 3, 2008, our responsibility, as described by professional standards, is to plan and perform our audit to obtain reasonable, but not absolute, assurance that the financial statements are free of material misstatement and are fairly presented in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. Our audit of the financial statements does not relieve you or management of your responsibilities.

Qualitative Aspects of Accounting Practices

Management is responsible for the selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. In accordance with the terms of our engagement letter, we will advise management about the appropriateness of accounting policies and their application. The significant accounting policies used by the Township of Waverly are described in Note 1 to the financial statements. No new accounting policies were adopted and the application of existing policies was not changed during 2008. We noted no transactions entered into by the Township of Waverly during the year for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus. There are no significant transactions that have been recognized in the financial statements in a different period than when the transaction occurred.

Accounting estimates are an integral part of the financial statements prepared by management and are based on management's knowledge and experience about past and current events and assumptions about future events. Certain accounting estimates are particularly sensitive because of their significance to the financial statements and because of the possibility that future events affecting them may differ significantly from those expected. The most sensitive estimate affecting the financial statements was capital asset depreciation.

Management's estimate of the capital asset depreciation is based on the estimated useful lives of the Township's capital assets. We evaluated the key factors and assumptions used to develop the capital asset depreciation in determining that it is reasonable in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.



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The disclosures in the financial statements are neutral, consistent, and clear.

Audit Adjustments

For purposes of this letter, professional standards define an audit adjustment as a proposed correction of the financial statements that, in our judgment, may not have been detected except through our auditing procedures. Management has recorded all of our proposed audit adjustments.

Disagreements with Management

For purposes of this letter, professional standards define a disagreement with management as a matter, whether or not resolved to our satisfaction, concerning a financial accounting, reporting, or auditing matter that could be significant to the financial statements or the auditors' report. We are pleased to report that no such disagreements arose during the course of our audit.

Management Representations

We have requested certain representations from management that are included in the management representation letter associated with the audits for the year ended March 31, 2008.

Other Issues

We generally discuss a variety of matters, including the application of accounting principles and auditing standards, with management each year prior to retention as the Township of Waverly's auditors. However, these discussions occurred in the normal course of our professional relationship and our responses were not a condition to our retention.

Difficulties Encountered in Performing the Audit

We encountered no significant difficulties in dealing with management in performing and completing our audit.

Communication Regarding Internal Control

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements of the Township of Waverly as of and for the year ended March 31, 2008, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, we considered the Township of Waverly's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Township's internal control. Our consideration of internal control included procedures to evaluate the design of controls relevant to an audit of financial statements and to determine whether they have been implemented, but it did not include procedures to test the operating effectiveness of controls and, accordingly, was not directed to discovering significant deficiencies in internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Township's internal control.

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Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraph and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. However, as discussed below, we identified a deficiency in internal control that we consider to be a material weakness.

A control deficiency exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect misstatements on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a control deficiency, or combination of control deficiencies, that adversely affects the entity's ability to initiate, authorize, record, process, or report financial data reliably in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles such that there is more than a remote likelihood that a misstatement of the entity's financial statements that is more than inconsequential will not be prevented or detected by the entity's internal control.

A material weakness is a significant deficiency, or combination of significant deficiencies, that results in more than a remote likelihood that a material misstatement of the financial statements will not be prevented or detected by the entity's internal control.

The Township has not implemented a system of controls to prepare financial statements in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles, including procedures to achieve the objectives of recording revenue and expense accruals, the capitalization and depreciation of capital assets, and the presentation of financial statement disclosures. This is a recurring comment. The Township has determined that the additional benefits derived from implementing such a system would not outweigh the costs incurred to do so.

This communication is intended solely for the information and use of the Board of Trustees of the Township of Waverly and the State of Michigan Department of Treasury and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

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